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SUBJECT: ZAIRE-ANGOLAN RELATIONS

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA APRIL 8
I ASKED HOW THE ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN BILATERAL TALKS WENT
LAST WEEKEND (REFTEL). NGUZA SAID THAT, IN GENERAL,
THEY SEEMED TO BE MOVING ALONG ALL RIGHT BUT THAT
MANY QUESTIONS REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT. HE SAID
THE GOZ DELEGATION CAME BACK FROM LUANDA WITH TWO
GENERAL IMPRESSIONS:

A) THE ANGOLANS WERE STILL IN A GREAT HURRY TO
REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE VARIOUS POINTS LAID
OUT IN THE BRAZZAVILLE COMMUNIQUE. TO THIS END,
THEY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD WILL,
SUCH AS READILY AGREEING TO RELEASE THE TWO ZAIRIAN
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PILOTS DETAINED SINCE THEIR CAPTURE IN ANGOLA LAST

YEAR. NGUZA SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND ANGOLA'S HURRY BEFORE, WHEN THEY WERE EAGER TO PACIFY THE NORTHERN FRONT IN ORDER TO FOCUS THEIR MILITARY EFFORT ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT. HOWEVER, NOW THAT BOTH FRONTS HAD BEEN LARGELY PACIFIED, THE FACT THAT LUANDA WAS STILL IN A HURRY MADE NGUZA SUSPICIOUS OF WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IN MIND NEXT.

B) THE CUBANS/SOVIETS ARE REALLY RUNNING THE SHOW IN ANGOLA. THE PERVASIVE CUBAN PRESENCE WAS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE GOZ DELEGATION'S STAY. NGUZA DOUBTED NETO AND HIS ADVISERS WERE IN A POSITION TO MAKE INDEPENDENT DECISIONS.

2. NGUZA SAID BILATERAL TALKS WOULD CONTINUE. HE REAFFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOZ WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT EXTEND FORMAL RECOGNITION TO THE LUANDA REGIME UNTIL THE MAJOR ISSUES HAD ACTUALLY BEEN RESOLVED. CUTLER

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